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In re Application of :
Toyoaki KITANO et al. :
Application No. 10/018,355 :
Filed: December 19, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. 1163-0380P :

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 11, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of October 26, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(A)(2). No extensions of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is January 29, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$810.00, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$1,540.00; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action of October 26, 2007 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the Michelle R. Eason at (571) 272-4231.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2628 for processing of the RCE and amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

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